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EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT
NIXON TO HONORABLE ALPHONSE BONI, CHAIRMAN OF THE SIXTH
WORLD CONFERENCE ON WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW:

BEGIN TEXT: THE HONORABLE ALPHONSE BONI,
PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE IVORY COAST
CHAIRMAN OF THE SIXTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WORLD PEACE
THROUGH LAW
ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST

DEAR CHAIRMAN BONI:

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I SEND MY WARMEST GREETINGS
TO THE SIXTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW
IN ABIDJAN.

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I KNOW THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHARE MY VIEW THAT THE RULE OF LAW IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MUST BE A MAJOR CONCERN OF EVERY STATE.

THE LIST OF ISSUES ON YOUR PROGRAM EXEMPLIFIES THE WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS FOR WHICH THE WORLD COMMUNITY IS TURNING

INCREASINGLY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR SOLUTIONS. MANY OF THESE PROBLEMS, SUCH AS TERRORISM AND THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, INVOLVE MORAL AND LEGAL PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND PEACEFUL WORLD IN WHICH ALL MEN AND WOMEN MAY BE SECURE IN THEIR RIGHT TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. OTHER ISSUES BEFORE YOU CONCERN WAYS IN WHICH WE MAY COOPERATE TO PROTECT THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AND TO SHARE OUR COMMON RESOURCES. FINALLY, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERING WAYS IN WHICH OUR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS CAN BE STRENGTHENED, TO IMPROVE THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THOSE DIFFERENCES WHICH WILL INEVITABLY ARISE AND FOR WHICH PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BECOMES INCREASINGLY ESSENTIAL AS THE ALTERNATIVES BECOME INCREASINGLY UNACCEPTABLE.

THE PROBLEMS TO WHICH YOU ARE ADDRESSING YOURSELVES ARE STAGGERING IN THEIR MAGNITUDE AND THEIR IMPORTANCE. I APPLAUD YOUR COURAGE, YOUR INDUSTRY, AND YOUR DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW, AND I LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT INTEREST TO THE RESULTS OF YOUR DELIBERATIONS.

SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON. END TEXT. RUSH

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